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Dysart removes mandatory pump-outs from septic program

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Dysart et al's septic re-inspection program will no longer require residents to perform mandatory pump-outs of their septic systems, and there will be some other revisions to the process as well.

Councillors discussed changes to the required process during a Feb. 24 meeting, and the municipality's environment and climate change committee will review a new bylaw.

At the direction of the provincial government, all municipalities have been instructed to create and implement septic re-inspection programs, although the structure of those programs is up to each individual municipal council. Within the County of Haliburton, its lower-tier municipal councils have adopted different

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Off to the races

Racers of all ages made their way to the Pinestone on Feb. 29 and March 1 for the Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers' Pinestone Cup, which featured a series of races on an oval track constructed on the resort's 14-acre pond. See more on page 14. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

County will conduct wide public consultation on shoreline bylaw

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council will undertake a wider, more in-depth public consultation process on a draft enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw that may include the creation of a sub-committee, councillors decided during a packed meeting on Feb. 26.

Council chambers were filled to standing room-only, an extremely rare sight, during council's meeting last week. Councillors heard two delegations – one from the Coalition of Haliburton County Prop-

erty Owners' Association's board chairman Paul MacInnes and one from Glenn Evans of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association – regarding the draft bylaw.

While Haliburton County has had a shoreline tree preservation bylaw – restricting the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the high-water mark – since 2012, the new draft shoreline protection bylaw entails heightened protections including that of all vegetation within the same shoreline band, along with stricter regulating of site alternations and other restrictions.

In a 20-minute presentation, MacInnes detailed the interconnectivity between

natural shorelines and lake health. Among benefits such as the prevention of erosion, shorelines with native vegetation filter out phosphorous, as well as other contaminants such as fertilizers and pesticides.

Even in a well-operating septic system, MacInnes noted university research indicating that up to 35 per cent of phosphorous can still make its way into the ground.

"It's critical that we have that deep-rooted vegetation along the shoreline to intercept that before it get into the water, because phosphorous is enemy No. 1," he said.

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In addition to filtering phosphorous from septic systems, MacInnes noted that shoreline vegetation also filters it from the air and from rainwater, which has a phosphorous concentration up to 10 times that of lake water. Catch basins for lakes, he said, are approximately 60 times the size of the lakes themselves.

"So that's a lot of rainwater that needs to get filtered," said MacInnes, who'd brought representatives from 23 lake associations throughout the county with him to last week's meeting.

High levels of phosphorous lead to low oxygen levels in aquatic ecosystems, which can create blue-green algae. Blue-green algae can lead to atrophy of lakes, and once a lake starts developing blue-green algae blooms, MacInnes noted, it's more likely to repeatedly develop them. This has been the case with some lakes in Muskoka, which have seen plummeting property values as a result. In the summer of 2018, there were eight reported sightings of algae blooms in Haliburton County with one, which later dissipated, confirmed by the MOE.

In order to prevent a lake's health from declining, the CHA has said that 75 per cent of the shoreline should be natural and that currently, just less than half the shorelines in Haliburton County are natural.

The CHA has advocated for an enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw.

"We've been discussing it publicly for two years," MacInnes said, noting those conversations have also been covered in the local media, and that the county had undertaken an online public consultation process. "If it's a surprise to somebody that we've been talking about this, they haven't been paying attention."

MacInnes said he thought there was misinformation about the draft bylaw circling in the community, noting it would apply to new activity, and that existing waterfront properties would be grandfathered under its regulations.

"I've seen some of the information that's been sent around critical of the CHA and I take it personally," MacInnes continued, "because the CHA, when we come before county council, and we give scientific information, that scientific information comes from reputable sources. It comes from papers that have been peer-reviewed and passed. It comes from people who have checked and double-checked the sources. We don't say something because we've read it on the internet."

"And we don't have a vested interest," MacInnes said. "We're not trying to make money, we're not trying to make our jobs easier. We only have one vested interest, and that's keeping our lakes healthy."

"There will be costs to this bylaw, absolutely," MacInnes added. "It's not going to be without costs, it's not going to be without adjustment. But, it's our belief that the costs of this bylaw will pale, absolutely pale, in comparison to the costs if we don't protect our lakes."

County Warden Liz Danielsen expressed how much council has appreciated the CHA's work over the years, and reiterated that public conversations regarding the draft bylaw have been ongoing for some time.

"Just for everyone's information, this is a process that did start a long time ago," Danielsen told the room, add-



Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Association board chairman Paul MacInnes, standing at the podium, addresses county council regarding a draft enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw during a crowded meeting on Feb. 26. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

ing that Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt had counted that during the past couple of years, the bylaw had been discussed at at least 26 different meetings (a combination of upper-tier county and lower-tier municipal meetings) and appeared in nearly a dozen local newspaper articles.

"So for anyone to suggest that we've been working under the cloak of darkness or we haven't been trying to get the message out is not fair," Danielsen said. "Our planner has provided us with a document that we've asked for. But, it's a draft document and it's going to need some work and everyone is going to have an opportunity to have input."

"First of all, I want to say that I agree with council, CHA has done an outstanding job," Evans said as he got up to the microphone on behalf of the home builders' association. "We don't want an adversarial-type situation. We believe that we can work together to protect our lakes, we believe that is possible for mechanisms . . . to be put in place, but we feel that the bylaw's a little bit far-reaching."

"The economic impact, although it would be difficult to tell at this point what that economic impact might be, I can share some stats with you that we have," Evans said.

He said the home builders' association had done some polling among its membership, as well as affiliated non-members such as landscapers and members of the real estate community, "and that collectively, there's 980 full-time and part-time jobs, and that's just of the people that responded to our request for numbers . . . So, I would suggest that number is probably low. There are lots of folks that did not respond."

"On average, when we rebuild a new home, between deliver y people, tradespeople, truck drivers, you name it, there's between 280 to 300 people that are working on that site . . . over the span of its duration," Evans added. "If one of those homes, or one of those people, says, you know, if I can't at least do a little work at the shoreline – I'm not saying clear-cut, I'm not saying any of that – but that would impact somebody's decision to come here."

Evans said the home builders looked forward to participating in the process, and working with the county and the CHA. "This is not adversarial, as I said," Evans reiterated. "We need to work together, because this is very important, it's important to everyone."

The county conducted an online public consultation process on the first draft of the bylaw throughout the fall using the application Wade In, that process garnering hundreds of comments.

Danielsen suggested that before embarking on wider public consultation, that county councillors should con-

duct a thorough review of the draft bylaw and first agree amongst themselves what should be included in a second draft.

"It's my impression that, having seen the full document, and despite it being exactly what we asked for, there are some differing opinions and approaches within council," the warden said, suggesting that at their March committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors take an in-depth look at the draft bylaw. "So we've got a document that we, at least, are in agreement on, and then the public can have a look at it and we can get more input from the public and all the stakeholders that are feeling strongly about this document."

Moffatt said she agreed with a review by council as a next step.

"I've enjoyed a number of discussions and emails with a number of folks and I want to thank those folks who did reach out," Moffatt said. "And I feel, having heard from a number of those people, that I would come to that discussion fully armed to ask certain questions of clarity."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin agreed, said he'd like to see a series of public meetings take place throughout the county going into the summer, and also suggested the creation of a sort of Coles Notes, user-guide version of the bylaw be drawn up so that residents can more easily understand what would be and not be permitted under the bylaw.

Devolin, who's in his second term, said the bylaw "has been the most engaged item that we've had since I've sat in this chamber."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said that in addition to using online public platforms, he'd also like to see a series of public meetings take place.

"I think it's a tool, but I would really advocate for an extensive public consultation right across the county," Kennedy said.

Kennedy and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts both said they'd like to see the creation of sub-committee dedicated to the issue. Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he agreed with the direction, but thought council needed to be careful of "building an elephant," that is, creating an overly complicated process whereby council might risk losing the sight of the goal it's trying to accomplish.

Ultimately, councillors decided they would conduct a review of the draft bylaw, and that staff will look at further online engagement opportunities, as well as organizing a series of public meetings. The creation of a sub-committee or working panel will also be considered after the creation of a second draft.

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Dysart and Highlands East beneficiaries of S.G. Nesbitt closure

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The demolition of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden this past winter has provided a boon to arena bookings in neighbouring Dysart and Highlands East this winter.

As residents of Minden await the completion of the multi-million dollar facility with an NHL-sized rink, workout room and gym, the public and clubs have turned to alternative facilities in the neighbouring municipalities to book private parties and skating related events.

Dysart Township recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller said there has been a definite increase in the amount of book-

ings for the A.J. LaRue Arena since the work began in Minden.

Exact figures were not known, she said, as she has only started tracking with a new system February last year, which does not provide an accurate representation.

"We looked at the groups that we gained from Minden during the temporary closure of the Minden arena, which has resulted in at least 255 hours of being booked that these groups did not use last year," she wrote.

She added, the additional hours don't account for the increased ice time requested by the Highland Storm minor hockey league, up an estimated "20 to 30 per cent."

The increase could be more, she said, if there was more evening ice time avail-

able.

Although the construction of the Minden arena has attributed to the uptick, there have been other factors, Mueller said.

"We have had increases in private rentals for family/friend groups, which I think is attributed to more awareness of ways to book the ice and the ability to book the ice on line. We have also had a big uptake in sponsored public skates, something that we will continue to promote!" she said.

Out in Highlands East, the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce has enjoyed close to a 50 per cent increase in usage for its facility from a similar period this year compared to last year.

The township's CAO and treasurer Shannon Hunter said this is the greatest

increase she has seen the last five years she has worked at her position.

"It provided an excellent source of revenue for our arena during this time and an economic benefit for [bringing] people into the community," she said.

Deputy CAO and treasurer Brittany McCaw said from October to December in 2018 the usage for the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena was 271.5 hours and jumped to 446.5 hours during the period from mid-September (earlier opening) to December of this year. This translates to close to \$5,000 more in revenue.

The added revenue McCaw said will help to offset expenditures for the arena, which provides ice for hockey, family and public skating, birthday events and figure skating.

Smith opposes removal of requirement

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programs, with Dysart's the most stringent. Adopted in late 2017 and including what is known as a Level 4 inspection, its program requires property-owners to perform a pump-out of their septic systems before a lid-off inspection is performed. Its program is the only one in the county that contains this requirement.

As a report from chief building officer Karl Korpela indicated, as of the end of 2019, 964 properties in a section of the municipality designated as "Area 1" under the program had been through the process. Korpela's report read that 112 property owners had failed to have the mandatory pump-out completed, or submit a third-party inspection report, another requirement of the program.

"Although this represents only 12 per cent of properties, beyond issuing 112 orders to comply, dealing with even a quarter of these infractions is not possible with our current staffing," his report read.

During last week's meeting, Korpela recommended to councillors a number of changes to the process, including the removal of the requirement for a mandatory pump-out.

Korpela told council that based on his research, environmentally, "There's no benefit to a mandatory pump-out." He noted that pump-outs would still be required on certain properties where deemed necessary by an inspector.

Councillor John Smith disagreed with that assessment, saying he believed there was an environmental benefit, and adding that, "The request to pump out a tank doesn't slow down the inspection process."

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy noted and expressed concern that when septic tanks are pumped out, the septage from those tanks likely ends up on a spreading field, which is the common method of sewage disposal in the county.

"We're pumping out septage that's

being looked after by a perfectly good septic system," Kennedy said.

Smith brought up the issue of fairness, noting that residents in Area 1 were required to pay for pump-outs and that moving forward, residents in other areas of the municipality would not be required to incur that expense. Smith said that amounted to the municipality thumbing its nose at residents who'd been made to pay for a pump-out.

"In three to five years, they would have had to have it pumped out anyway," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, adding a pump-out typically cost a couple of hundred dollars.

Smith responded that was not accurate, since many seasonal properties are used much less frequently than year-round homes, meaning they don't require septic pump-outs as often. He also said he knew of residents on an island who'd paid a considerable amount to rent a barge to have a pump-out performed.

"Four thousand dollars, people on an island paid for a barge, because Dysart said it was necessary," Smith said.

Regarding third-party inspection reports, Dysart's program had provided residents a list of 12 qualified inspectors to choose from and hire.

"Current process provides for owners to select from a list of 12 qualified inspectors, who are hired by the owner, and may therefore feel they have an obligation of helping the owner pass an inspection," Korpela's report read.

His recommendation was that the municipality hire a firm, with fees then recovered by the municipality from residents. This is the way the program in Algonquin Highlands works, and residents are charged \$180 for the inspection. Minden Hills council recently adopted a program that will also use this method.

Another change recommended by Korpela was sending property owners letters identifying inspections dates and having inspections performed by neighbourhood groupings.

"Owners would be sent an initial letter identifying a date for their inspection," his report read. "If the date does not work for them they will need to reschedule, otherwise they are charged another inspection fee if they are not present. Algonquin Highlands has been highly successful with a similar process."

Council voted in favour of the recommended revisions, with Smith opposed, and a revised bylaw for the inspection program will go to the municipality's environment and climate change committee for review before coming back to the council table.

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— Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy

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Dysart sets climate change targets

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors agreed upon greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the municipality as part of the County of Haliburton's climate change mitigation plan during their Feb. 25 meeting.

Council was visited by county planner and deputy chief administrative officer Charley White and climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay. McKay was hired by the county late last year and will be compiling the plan during the next couple of years. The first phase looks strictly at the corporate operations of each of the five local municipal governments – the upper tier of the county and its four, lower-tier municipalities – and how those operations can become more sustainable in terms of generating fewer emissions.

The first step in that process is to have each of those municipal governments set aspirational targets in terms of emissions reductions. For the county as a whole, the waste sitting in the townships' landfills by far constitutes the greatest amount of overall emissions at 77.3 per cent. Municipal vehicle fleets produce 16.1 per cent of emissions, municipal buildings 6.4 per cent, and water and waste water systems 0.2 per cent. As for the municipal governments, the smallest percentage of emissions is generated by the County of Haliburton, which does not oversee landfill operations, at 5.5 per cent. For the four lower-tier townships, whose operations include landfills, their share of emissions essentially break down along lines of population. Dysart et al generates 29.5 per cent of emissions; Minden Hills 27.1 per cent; Highlands East 21.4 per cent; and Algonquin Highlands 16.5 per cent.

Emission levels collected from 2018 data will be used as a baseline, and the target year for reductions is 2030. Dysart et al's population is expected to grow by nearly

17 per cent by then, with emissions levels expected to rise 18 per cent if no action is taken before then.

The total corporate emissions for the Municipality of Dysart et al total 4,623 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually, or the equivalent of 982 passenger vehicles driven each year, or the energy use of 554 homes for one year. Five per cent of Dysart's emissions come from its buildings, nine per cent from its vehicle fleet and 86 per cent from its landfills.

Emissions reductions in buildings can be achieved through means such as environmentally friendly retrofits, the incorporation of LED lighting, etc. Reductions for vehicle fleets can be achieved through anti-idling policies – McKay said some municipalities have achieved up to a 20 per cent reduction through addressing idling – as well as purchasing vehicles that use hybrid technology or electricity, etc.

For landfills, reductions can be achieved through promoting better recycling and waste diversion habits. Waste buried in landfills emits high levels of methane, which is far more potent than carbon dioxide. Composting, which residents are encouraged to practise at home, introduces oxygen to process and so creates far fewer emissions than when organic material is buried.

It was McKay's recommendation that for Dysart et al,

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The challenge with these things is measuring the degree of success.

— Councillor John Smith

a reduction target of 20 per cent by 2030 be set for its buildings; 10 per cent for its vehicle fleet; and 80 per cent for its landfills. This latter figure is so high because Dysart et al is set to close three landfills – on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton Village, in West Guilford, and at Kennisis Lake – by 2030, with waste being transferred outside of the community.

Dysart et al has been selling composters and digesters (used for meats and other products) to residents at a rate of cost recovery to help encourage at-home composting.

“You've already started to take some of those steps,” White told councillors.

McKay said that educational materials will be developed at the county level for use by the lower-tier governments.

“The idea is to work together and not duplicate efforts,” she said.

Councillor John Smith said it was fine to set targets, but was more difficult to gauge them.


“The challenge with these things is measuring the degree of success,” Smith said. “. . . How do you do that?”

“Embedded in the plan will likely be collecting better data, and how we go about that,” McKay said.

Smith also suggested that Dysart et al make it policy to forbid its employees from going through a drive-through restaurant in a municipal vehicle to help reduce emissions produced from idling.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy did express some concern about whether the municipality would be able to reach the target established for its vehicle fleet, noting that the fleet is not large, that more vehicles had recently been added, and the effects of climate change on roads has created more demand for increased roads work.

Council adopted the targets recommended by McKay.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Reducing social isolation

JOY WAS EASY to read on Jackie Metcalf's face last month when she stood in front of a room of people at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to talk about her experience with the Family Roots pilot project. Through the SIRCH Community Services-run initiative, which matches seniors with volunteers trained in genealogy, Metcalf had been paired with Maureen Blakelock and together they looked into Metcalf's ancestors on the Simpson side of the family.

They found nothing scandalous, nothing earth-shattering, but Metcalf was nonetheless glowing as she recounted the hours she spent with her new friend.

The project, funded through a New Horizons for Seniors grant, did help seniors learn more about their family trees and it did provide insights into the history of the people in the Haliburton Highlands, but more than that, it brought people together and clearly helped to reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation.

Social isolation can be a problem for any of us, but according to Canadian statistics, it's more prevalent for older adults. Life events such as the death of a spouse, retirement, health issues, or a change in dwelling can all contribute to isolation and loneliness, which can then lead to other problems.

The Report on the Social Isolation of Seniors indicates that isolation can bring with it a loss of

social skills; risk of elder abuse; increased probability of poor health behaviours such as drinking and smoking, not eating well, a sedentary lifestyle; and can intensify mental health issues such as depression.

"According to research, one in four seniors lives with a mental health problem (e.g. depression, anxiety or dementia) or illness, and 10 to 15 per cent of adults 65 years or older and living in the community suffer from depression. The percentage of seniors in residential care who have been diagnosed with depression or showed symptoms of depression without diagnosis is higher at 44 per cent," the report states.

It's clearly important therefore that we work to address social isolation with a focus on the senior population, which is why projects

like Family Roots are so necessary.

In Haliburton County we have many programs that are targeting this issue. From the Diners' Club that offers a time for older adults to get together over a meal, to friendly visiting, to bingo night at the Legion, to drop-in programs, the list goes on. That said, no one program will be everything to everyone and the more concerted effort we put in to connecting seniors to members of the community, the better.

While loneliness and isolation is lessened for the seniors thanks to these efforts, the wider community also benefits from their participation, input and perspective.



jenn watt

Editorial



Reflections

by Darren Lum

Could it be?

The light coming through her bedroom window was bright and not a sound made its way up from the street. In other times Rachel would have seen these as positives. She would have looked forward to a sunny March day on a quiet side street. But these days she knew differently.

When she pulled open the living room drapes, all she saw was white. The snow had continued through the night and now Rachel was faced with digging herself out in order to make it to the woodshed. Thank goodness they had ordered extra firewood this year.

Jim was not here to help. He was still in quarantine down at the arena. No hockey these days with all the beds covering what used to be the ice surface. He still had three days before being allowed to return home.

And the snow continued. It was like a moving wall pushing against their little house, whistling down the stove pipe and daring her to come closer. Every once in a while the wind gusts would ease and she could make out the trees bent and loaded with white. No tracks in this snow. Like humans, birds and animals were huddled in whatever refuge they could find, waiting out this latest storm.

For a moment Rachel thought of all the homeless people, at least those who had survived the pandemic so far, and wondered how they managed to endure this weather. Like all public buildings, the libraries had been shut down for weeks so they were no longer able to offer refuge.

Breakfast had become pretty boring. Oatmeal and more oatmeal with powdered milk. If all this upheaval ever ended, she swore she'd never look at another bowl of porridge. But for now, it was plentiful, kept well and she had to count her blessings compared to many others. Not only was her home comfortably warm but the wood stove enabled her to cook that boring breakfast.

Drinking water was becoming a bit of an issue, however. Their large jugs were almost empty and the artesian spring was a long hike, especially when pull-

ing a heavy sled. But they had no choice since the uncertain electricity meant they couldn't count on the well pump right now.

Once Rachel sat down to eat, she contemplated her day. Still trying to be an optimist, she hoped the storm would ease up enough to walk to the drug store. Although operating on limited hours, the pharmacy was a life line for many people needing their medications. Rachel's insulin was not optional and it would take a hurricane to keep her from venturing out to get her prescription.

She wondered how it had come to this. For years there had been warnings that severe weather was on the way. Then when the pandemic hit, countries pulled back into their own corners of the globe

as millions died. Starvation was as big a killer as the disease since all relief efforts and governments basically shut down. There were still some politicians trying the blame game but most intelligent people knew no one and everyone was to blame for the way things were. Complacency and greed had finally come home to roost.

Rachel knew she and Jim would get through this. Her parents had talked about the Great Depression and they had made it then so she knew

they could do the same now. Living in an out-of-the-way village had its advantages. Much like a hundred years ago, not many outsiders ventured north. That had helped curb the influx of disease. Roadblocks manned by volunteers at the major highways had also had an impact.

In town, they could walk to stores, when they were open, and once spring finally came, make a garden in the backyard. Firewood would always be plentiful and even if they had to barter for it, Rachel's optimism convinced her that was possible. The riots in the cities were still going on but some of the angry groups were running out of steam. At least for now. However come spring that could change.

She could hardly wait for Jim to come home. Whatever lay ahead, it was always easier with him by her side.

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points of view

The man who loved to shovel too much

THE OTHER DAY, while grocery shopping with Jenn, we ran in to a man who said one of the most shocking things that has ever been uttered in Aisle 8.

Midway through an otherwise normal conversation, he said, without shame or reservation, "I love shovelling snow." And his wife nodded her head to confirm it.

I won't reveal his name because, despite those words, he is a well-respected member of our community – a great guy who many of us look upon as a local hero. Plus, I don't think it would be fair to out someone who is clearly wrestling with the kind of personal demons you only see on most home improvement shows. Furthermore, I wouldn't want to embarrass his family. I'm sure they've already been through enough this winter.

In fact, I'm only writing about this because I am still haunted by his words. More importantly, I'm guilt-ridden by my own inaction. You see, I just nodded my head imperceptibly, averted eye contact and smiled when he made this terrible confession.

I now know this was wrong. In hindsight, it's easy to see his words were a cry for help. I should have done something, just as I would have had someone told me that kale was their favourite snack.

But I did not. I disregarded how uncomfortable that statement

made me feel and instead of listening to my gut instinct, I did nothing.

Even though, there were ladies present.

I once read a meme that said "All it takes for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing." And perhaps because it was accompanied by a smiley face, I didn't take it seriously enough.

But I should have.

Since, that chance meeting we have had at least 20 centimetres of snow. That means the odds are good that this poor man's neighbours would have, at some point, drove by, probably while he went about shovelling the driveway in a merry fashion. And, God forbid, if their windows were down, they probably heard him whistle a happy tune too. Heck, they might have even caught him dancing like Fred Astaire with his shovel.

And that's on me. I should have helped.

What could I have done?

First, I could have checked him for head injuries. I'm not a doctor but I'm pretty sure one of the first signs of a severe head injury is admitting in public that you love to shovel snow.

I should have taken that poor man by the arm and gently sang to him, "Everything is going to be all right," as I walked him to my car and then drove him to a hospital specializing in this kind of trauma. They might have provided him with therapy so that he might one day resume a normal life and hate snow shovelling as much as the rest of us.

At the very least, I could have looked his wife in the eyes and offered some comfort by whispering, "Don't worry, your family's horrible, horrible secret is safe with me."

But I did none of those things.

Instead, I suggested that my driveway was still snow covered and reminded him of my address. I then invited him and his shovel over after the next snowfall. And, for that I am truly sorry – but only because he thought I was joking.



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pic of the past

Robertsons Store at Ingoldsby 1939 with a note on the reverse that says the main building was part of a highway camp. Photo submitted by Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong

letters to the editor

Beware of scam, veterans

To the Editor,

On Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m., I received a phone call. A voice informed me that she was calling me (Charles Viner) on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. As a veteran I receive communication from VAC on a fairly regular basis in the mail, rarely if ever by phone and never, never on a Sunday. This person informed me she wanted to conduct a 25-minute interview regarding benefits currently being received by me. The reason, she assured me, would help VAC determine if I was receiving all the benefits I required. The day, time and voice of this person set off alarm bells. I answered two very basic questions and then hung up. First thing Monday morning I checked VAC and was

informed there was no record of VAC contacting me. Their hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and no one would ever be calling me on a Sunday. Obviously this call is a brand new scam being used to obtain information, perhaps SIN number, regimental number or who knows what else!

So veterans beware and my advice is if you do get a call, ask for a name and a phone number where they can be reached. I plan a further call to VAC to confirm that the info I received on Monday, Feb. 24 from VAC is the same with no changes to VAC information.

Charles R. Viner
Gooderham

Understanding the pipeline protests

To the Editor,

In last week's letter, titled "A Winter of Our Discontent," the writer implies that those pesky Indians should get their act together and not inconvenience the rest of us. Those white folks that support their cause don't know the "real" issues.

I am a Boomer, born in 1947. I played cowboys and Indians, watched movies that depicted native people as savages and was informed, early, that Canadian history started with the Vikings. Except for a very enlightened Grade 8 teacher, the original people did not enter my life until I left my extremely white high school. In Grade 10, the British Empire was wonderful and to be admired. Now, after understanding the savagery that established and underpinned it, I call it the Brutish Empire.

That savagery came to Indigenous Canada in the "inconvenience" of broken treaties, stolen land, displacement to reservations, deliberate strategies of starvation and disease, massacres, residential schools, poisoned land, boil water advi-

sories and many broken promises. South Africa copied Canada in its policy of apartheid.

The current federal government has dragged its heels on addressing the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and continues to block the release of residential school records in the courts. The Indian Act of 1876 set up band councils that were intended to undermine the traditional systems that had been in place for thousands of years. The hereditary chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en are objecting to a pipeline across land which is unceded by treaty and which is legally not part of Canada. The blockades across the country are drawing attention to the lack of progress on reconciliation and demanding action to match the fine words.

In his "Letter from the Birmingham Jail", Martin Luther King wrote about "the white moderate, who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: 'I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your

see DISSECTING page 8

Winter Folk Camp concerts around the corner

Great live music in the Haliburton Highlands! The annual Winter Folk Camp concerts are coming up on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8. These concerts always surprise and delight audiences, with three performers sharing the stage each night at YMCA Camp Wanakita.

Saturday night's show features the trio Boreal, and the sweet harmonies of Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey. Boreal's songs conjure up vivid sights and sounds of winter that all Haliburtonians will recognize: pine branches bending low, squirrels' footprints in the snow, the icy breath that accompanies shovelling, the sound of slap shots off the boards, the angel truck drivers who lead us home in blizzards. These three

artists create a warm, friendly, and genuine rapport with their audience. Their music is the perfect antidote to a winter's night.

On stage Sunday night are a trio of amazing guitar players: blues guitarist Emily Burgess, Drew Gonsalves playing calypso and local jazz guitarist Nick Russell. Emily Burgess has toured across North America, performed at Massey Hall as the guitarist for the Women's Blues Revue Band, and fronts her own band, the Emburys. Drew Gonsalves is the founder, frontman and songwriter for Kobo Town, a Juno award-winning band that blends calypso with musical influences ranging from

reggae to hip hop. Nick Russell is no stranger to local audiences, sharing his music at Rhubarb and other venues throughout the county, with a style that combines classical and contemporary jazz and progressive rock. With this mix of genres and talent, there are sure to be musical moments that will only be heard on this night.

You're invited to join the Winter Folk Camp community for these concerts. Tickets are \$25 each and available online at www.haliburtonfolk.com or at the door. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Cash bar is available.

Submitted

Dissecting 'this land is your land'

from page 7

methods of direct action."

The writer closed with the beginning verse of the Canadian version of "This Land is Your Land," which for her invokes better times. Woody Guthrie actually wrote the song during a time of discontent and here are the last three verses that we seem to have forgotten.

"As I went walking I saw a sign there,
And on the sign it said 'No Trespassing.'
But on the other side it didn't say nothing.
That side was made for you and me.

In the shadow of the steeple I saw my people,
By the relief office I saw my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back
This land was made for you and me."

Eric Lilius



Tannis Slimmon, Katherine Wheatley, and Angie Nussey make up the band Boreal. They are artists in residence at Haliburton Folk Camp. Boreal is performing in a concert open to the public on March 7. /Photo by Nicky Campbell



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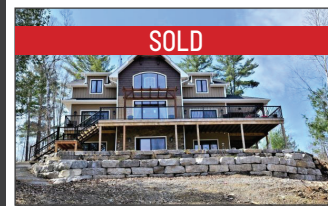


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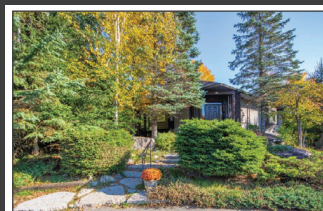


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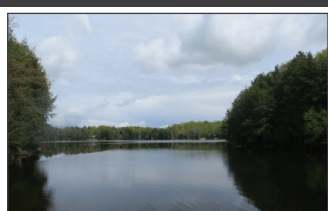


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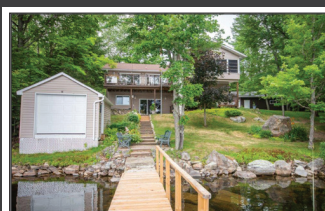


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Betteridge remembered as mentor, 'community builder'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

In the halls of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the sound of 15 people hammering on metal stopped when Lois Betteridge blew her whistle.

"When she wanted attention for everyone to stop and listen to her because she was going to demonstrate or had something to say, she blew her whistle," said Barb Bolin of the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, which once operated in the high school building. "So in the halls of the high school you could hear this whistle, and all of a sudden the noise, the tap tap tap would stop."

Betteridge died Feb. 21 in Hospice Wellington, Guelph, at the age of 91, marking the end of a celebrated life as one of Canada's most renowned master silversmiths.

Born in Drummondville, Quebec, in 1928, she grew up in Hamilton and Burlington, studying at the Ontario College of Art and then earning a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Kansas before establishing studios in Oakville and Toronto. She received a masters of fine arts in 1956 from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan and taught craft and design at MacDonald Institute in Guelph.

"Her output of beautiful works, secular and liturgical, always meticulously made and often whimsical, was prodigious," reads Betteridge's obituary.

Over almost 70 years, she received and was recognized with election to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts in 1978, the Order of Canada in 1997, and a Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of North American Goldsmiths in 2010.

"She was a powerhouse with an amazing sense of responsibility for her craft," said Bolin, noting Betteridge's excellence in her craft, her work showcased in collections and galleries across Canada and the world, her long list of awards, including the Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in Crafts. "But she also wanted to ensure that the craft went on. It's not something that there are very many places where you can learn. She took every opportunity possible to go and teach."

And when she decided to teach, she taught in Haliburton, said Bolin.

"We had students just because of her name, they came from all over Canada to learn from her. She would tell me every year what two weeks she could come, the word spread, and it was immediate. The classes were full. We were so lucky to have her. Every so often she'd go down to do a lecture in Nova Scotia but this was the place where Lois Betteridge taught, which was an amazing flower in our cap here."

Betteridge loved Haliburton, teaching summer courses at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts from 1984 to 2002, where she would go from the class for a swim at lunch time every day. Bolin occasionally travelled with her when Betteridge would talk at art galleries or be part of exhibitions, and said people – recognized artists themselves – would wait in line to have the chance to meet her.

"It was astounding to see the level of awe, she's a rock star in that world," said Bolin.

Sharing a room with her once while on a trip, Bolin said she learned that Lois didn't always sleep well.

"I woke up and she was gone from the room, and I thought, what's happened to her?" remembered Bolin. "I saw the light on in the bathroom and I went in and she was drawing. She said, 'I didn't want to disturb you. At night, I get up and I draw.' And she was drawing images of what she might make, in her book, you know. It wasn't a job, it was a life, for her."

As a mentor to so many, Betteridge inspired and encouraged students, who



Lois Betteridge, seen here in a photo with Tanner, her Jack Russell, taught summer classes in silversmithing at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts from 1984 - 2002. Lois was adored and revered by friends, family and colleagues in the arts and metalworking communities. She died Feb. 21 at the age of 91. /Photo by Brigitte Clavette

met her and stayed close with her for decades.

Mary Anne Barkhouse said her friendship with Betteridge goes back at least 30 years, and credits the artist with inspiring her own work as an artist, and also bringing her to Haliburton – even as the reason why she has a Jack Russell terrier, a much-loved breed of Betteridge, too.

"Lois had just celebrated her 91st birthday last November, going into her 92nd year, but we thought she would go on forever because she was [an] amazing woman," said Barkhouse. "It was everything. Lois was the whole package. From being inspiring, inspiring as an artist, but also it's that fine balance, not all great artists are great teachers, but she was also a great teacher. And very accommodating, encouraging, because silversmithing is one hell of an arduous practice, to take a flat sheet of silver and then to bend it to your will, whatever you want."

"It was so astounding, so astounding that you could do that with that piece of silver," said Bolin, of Betteridge's work. "She had a goblet, and making a goblet is so incredibly difficult, she might spend eight months or so on making one piece, so that when you tipped it up, there was a gem in the bottom of it. Because she said if you can only have one of these in your life, everyone should get to enjoy it when it's tipped up. She had that kind of sensibility of her, about the preciousness of the work."

Barkhouse said Betteridge was an amazing sculptor as well, but said, "somewhere along the line, I guess, silversmithing, metalsmithing, caught her fancy instead."

It wasn't a common craft in general, and not common for women when Betteridge took it for her own.

"She really pursued that at a time when it was a very male, very guild-oriented milieu," said Barkhouse. "She truly had this fierce, pioneering woman spirit, and it wasn't so much feminism and all of that kind of stuff ... it was just like, she's going to do it, no one's going to get in her way. The men at the time weren't necessarily appreciative of that, but she just did it anyway, and became known, and showed her work, and developed her practice into what it became. She truly was a pioneer, not just for metalsmithing but for women in the arts on so many levels. I don't think she would ever have viewed herself as that. She would have viewed herself mainly as a very dedicated artist."

"It didn't matter that at that time, in the early 50s, you're a housewife or that sort of thing," said Todd Jeffrey Ellis, who was a student of Betteridge's in the early '90s, studied with her in Guelph and what is now Haliburton School of Art + Design, and then began co-teaching with her in Haliburton. "She was a mother and a wife and that sort of thing, but she had the love and no one was going to tell her she couldn't do it ... She just had a love

of the metal, and she wanted to make her mark and do that kind of work, billy-b-damned, sort of thing. Nobody get in my way, because she was going to do it and so she did."

Barkhouse said Betteridge was a community builder, who encouraged her students and also advocated for galleries to take note of the craft in exhibitions and collections.

"Once she saw that you were serious about doing your work, then it just kind of opened up to this kind of friendship and camaraderie, and that in turn has led to a group of people who have been taught by Lois, it's not that we just exhibit together, but we're friends, we share, it's a real community builder," said Barkhouse. "She really would push people, and galleries and things like that too, to show art and showcase fine metal as art, it doesn't really get the same attention as other types of

fine crafts do, she really was a strong proponent of getting metal collections started with different galleries across, I don't know, just everywhere ... Lois encouraged us to exhibit even when no one was interested."

It was because of Betteridge and a 2000 exhibition of her work and other silversmiths she had influenced that the Art Gallery of Guelph found a unique collection of contemporary Canadian silver.

Ellis said Betteridge's influence is felt from coast to coast in Canada, and that she also made an impact in and on Haliburton, where she would host a potluck every Thursday night at her house during two-week courses, to foster the community, to foster goodwill.

"She touched a lot of people up here," said Ellis, who moved to the area with his wife and fellow artist Susan Watson Ellis. "I mean, it was one of the only places in Canada where you could actually learn silversmithing ... silversmithing is not something that, tons of people try it, but you have to have a love for the metal and a love for the craft to carry on with it. Lots of people were touched by her and it showed. You really had to have a love for the metal to continue on and if you showed that she would bend over backwards to give you what you needed."

Ellis now teaches at HSAD as part of the faculty, but said he isn't following in her footsteps.

"I'd say joining alongside, nobody can fill Lois's shoes, they're just far too big," he said. "She was her own person. To say you're following her, no, you made your own path, but she guided you on your path."

A celebration of Lois' life will be held in the Arboretum, University of Guelph, on Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

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Winter in Haliburton broadcast to radio

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Staff Reporter

A love for winter in the Highlands was broadcast last week on KX96 from Oshawa when the stations' DJs went snowmobiling with Haliburton County Snowmobiling Association and Harper Powersports before cross country-skiing and staying at the Pinestone, and Energy 99.7 from Peterborough when the stations' morning hosts went downhill skiing at Sir Sam's and snowmobiling at Haliburton Forest before dining and staying at Sir Sam's Inn.

The promotion, through Destination Ontario, showcased Winter in Haliburton, offering a prize pack to a station listener that included a two-night stay at the Pinestone or Sir Sam's Inn, a half-day dogsledding with Winterdance Dogsled Tours, snowmobiling at Haliburton Forest and lift tickets and rentals to Sir Sam's.

"One of the things that drew us to Haliburton 20 years ago was how much this small community offers and we feel strongly that makes the area incredibly unique and attractive to winter visitors," Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dogsled Tours told the *Echo*. "Within about a 15-kilometre radius you have incredible snowmobile and Nordic ski trails, downhill skiing, ice climbing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and dog sledding all set against a wilderness backdrop. Only a handful of destinations in the world can offer that."

McCready and Hank Debruin, through Winterdance Dogsled Tours, have had a relationship with Ontario Travel, a gov-

ernment agency that helps support the showcasing of travel in the province, for more than a decade. A discussion in the fall with Claude Aumont led to the idea of a large promotion involving several of the Highlands' top partners for accommodation, dining and activities working together with Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization and Destination Ontario to showcase the opportunity offered here in the winter.

"We suggested both the partners we already had a great relationship with but also the places/activities that could welcome the most guests to the area for the biggest economic spinoff," said McCready.

Destination Ontario's Kevin Forget helped find radio stations that were a good fit for the regions and demographics McCready said they hoped to target, covering the expense to bring the radio shows to the Highlands for live broadcasts, while OHTO's Julie Mulligan helped write the proposal, coordinate the project and be a liaison for the media teams while in the county.

"The partners' commitment was to host, feed and entertain the media teams once they arrived in Haliburton – covering all the expenses of the teams visit," said McCready. "Also to provide an exciting winter prize package at no cost so that the shows could create a contest to drive more excitement and engagement around the Winter in Haliburton campaign."

And while even some locals might have been cursing the snowfall or the way their backs felt after some time spent shovelling because of last week's February storm, McCready noted it came at just the



Energy 99.7 was one of two radio stations in Haliburton promoting winter activities in the county last week. The Energy team of Brian Young, Angela Rose, Vince Bierworth and Lyndsey Fullman is seen here at Sir Sam's Inn with Kevin Forget of Ontario Travel and Julie Mulligan of Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization./Submitted photo

right time.

"Wasn't that perfect?" she said. "Couldn't have timed it any better. The morning show hosts and other DJs on their station were joking about them being snowed in during the visit to Haliburton. It got the area having tons of snow even more publicity."

A second component of the campaign brings an influencer to the area during the week of March 7, enjoying five winter outdoor adventures in the area, to make videos and create content to be used by Ontario Travel, OHTO, MyHaliburton-Highlands and the participating partners.

Library group a place to think, share and question

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

"I love that quote: 'I think therefore I am,'" Vicky Rodden said, referencing the philosopher René Descartes while speaking about why she likes to facilitate Philosophy and Mythology Club.

Rodden, who is a librarian at the Haliburton branch, welcomes people to join her and others for an enriching experience and opportunity to meet new people and talk about the club's next subject, Canadian mythology, the third Thursday this month.

"If you're just interested in talking to other people and just sharing some time, relaxing, then it is the perfect place to come to and join," she said.

Facilitated by Rodden, the group who attended the most recent meeting examined Native American myths on Thursday, Feb. 20 in the Howard Roberts Meeting Room, located by the front entrance of

the Haliburton branch, at 78 Maple Avenue.

"What I love about it is spending time with people and getting to know people, discussing things that they are interested in," she said.

Rodden said she also enjoys being part of this club because it taps into a passion for learning and discovery.

"I've always loved interviewing people and listening to their stories and where they come from, what they're interested in. I'm a people person so I do get a lot out of it," she said.

She adds philosophy is an area of interest of hers and is related to her past life, training and working as an actor.

You may have heard of Rodden on the local airwaves, as she has volunteered with Canoe FM for the past 14 years, and hosts her own show Candlelight and Beer.

It's currently a small group, but the exchange is rich and offers great depth to their chosen subjects.

The origins of the meetings, which are



Haliburton County Public Library's Vicky Rodden laughs during the Philosophy and Mythology Club on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Haliburton branch. She welcomes people to join her for the next meeting on Canadian mythology on Thursday, March. 19 at the Haliburton library branch./DARREN LUM Staff

held from September until May, started with the great British playwright, William Shakespeare.

"When we first started it was supposed to be the Shakespeare Club and then we went through all of Shakespeare's plays, right? And then we decided let's do other things. We all like philosophy so, you know, we all love language and that's how it started," she said.

Rodden, who is of Greek descent, taught people the Greek language prior to

Shakespeare.

The club welcomes people to its monthly meeting held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month until May.

There isn't any pre-requisite, cost or registration to join the drop-in meetings.

Rodden said the meeting operates with an "open door policy."

"You don't have to know anything about mythology or philosophy. It's just sharing thoughts and ideas," she said.

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Seniors find friendship in Family Roots project

JENN WATT

Editor

Jackie Metcalf stood in front of the audience at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Wednesday evening, beaming, as she held up a thick binder of papers.

"This is full," she said, holding it up so those in the back could see. "This is full with all the wonderful things she's helped me get and I'm just so delighted."

Metcalf was referring to her research partner, Maureen Blakelock, who was partnered with her through the Family Roots pilot project run for 12 months by SIRCH Community Services. The project paired volunteers trained in ancestry research with seniors in the community.

Together, they would research the senior's family history together over the course of many sessions.

As the project's co-ordinator Donna Gagnon pointed out, Family Roots was about more than finding long lost ancestors, it also reduced social isolation and loneliness.

"We did the connecting through family research, through genealogy," she said.

Metcalf said that she had found a new friend in Blakelock and that the time spent looking into her mother's side of the family had revealed details about her grandfather Simpson that she never knew. It also brought back fond memories.

"I enjoyed, honestly, every minute we were together for those 10 sessions because three or four hours would go by and we'd certainly say, 'what time is it?'" she said.

Some of the research revealed parts of the family tree previously unknown. For project partners Deborah Ouellette and Joan McDonald, research unveiled that McDonald, 98, had three half-siblings she never knew about.

"Unfortunately, those three children were placed in a Catholic orphanage, Joan was unaware that she had half-siblings before we started this journey," Ouellette said.

McDonald's father served in the First World War, as did her uncle, who died in the conflict. Once she became an adult, McDonald moved to Ontario to attend university.

Though she served as a deaconess for the Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, McDonald had to give up that job following her marriage to Dick McDonald in 1955.

"Because the church did not allow a woman to stay on as a deacon when they got married, she was defrocked," Ouellette said.

The couple had two children and Joan eventually became a teacher.

Another surprising discovery came when volunteer Sharon Foster and partic-



Deborah Ouellette, right, and Joan McDonald hold up some historical photos of McDonald's ancestors during the reveal night event. Research found half-siblings that McDonald never knew about. / JENN WATT Staff

ipant Chuck Viner decided to go beyond the scope of the project and submit their DNA for analysis.

"We were looking online at the DNA connections that we had and I can't even begin to tell you how shocked and surprised I was to discover that we're actually distant cousins," Foster said. "Where this connection is, is obviously going back seven or eight generations. ... I'm getting shivers down my back just talking about it because what were the odds of us being matched?"

Foster and Viner said during their weeks of working together they developed a rapport and now consider themselves "lifelong friends."

For Family Roots participant Ellie MacNeil, the project offered her new skills for doing her genealogy research and volunteer Carol Simmons helped her track down books that chronicled the history of her ancestors.

MacNeil, who grew up near Cobocok, was able to trace nine generations of her ancestors, the Orvis family, who travelled from the United States to Canada in the 1820s. The details of their journey amazed those in the room.

"They headed north, they took with them one horse team, one yoke of oxen, and household goods and family members. They crossed at Prescott. From Ferrisburgh [Vermont] to Prescott [Ontario],

that's 164 miles. From Prescott to Pickering's 199 miles. About 360 miles they travelled in five and a half days. That averages 48 miles a day," MacNeil said.

"Three days after they arrived in Pickering, she [Sarah Orvis] had her third child. These Quakers are tough people." Sarah would end up having 18 children during her life.

Family Roots also made connections with residents at Extendicare in Haliburton, where volunteers would visit and work to track down ancestors. David McGill was paired with Mike Sisson and spoke highly of the experience.

"Here was a chance to do something I like to do with people who need some connection to the outside world ... Then I met Mike. He really is a neat guy. ... He could take me back to his great-great-grandparents. He has that kind of memory," he said.

Together they traced Sisson's relatives back to 1871, when a father, five sons and a daughter left England, settling in the Manvers, Ont. area.

McGill said he and Sisson intended to continue with their work beyond the project.

Gagnon spent time with another Extendicare resident, Maria Basciano, 95, who speaks primarily Italian and French. With the help of her family members, Basciano was able to participate in Family Roots,

Gagnon explained.

Basciano was raised by her maternal aunt following the death of her parents.

"During our time together at Extendicare, Maria spoke often of how hard life was in Italy in the 1930s and 1940s. She worked in a factory and there was often not enough food to eat," Gagnon said.

Following the end of the Second World War, Maria and her husband settled in Scarborough.

"We were able to do a virtual drive one day using Google Maps through the village of Pont Canavese [Italy]," Gagnon said, adding it looks a bit like Haliburton.

Gagnon said she thought even though the project was over, volunteers would continue visiting the long-term care home. "Even though these people are together in a facility, they can still be very lonely," she said.

She thanked Nancy Brownsberger of Community Support Services, Tina Jackson from the Heat Bank, Margery Cartwright of the Aging Well Committee and Nancy Baker from the Family History Library in Cardiff for their help during the training portion of the program. She also thanked program partners Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54. SIRCH Family Roots was funded by a grant from Canada's New Horizons for Seniors.

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Racers ready their machines prior to hitting the track at the Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers' Pinesetone Cup on Feb. 29.

Quest for the cup

Above, riders speed their way around the oval track at the Pinesetone during races on Feb. 29. The Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers' Pinesetone Cup featured a series of races and took place Feb. 29 and March 1. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Right, these racers were neck-and-neck during a race on Feb. 29 at the Pinesetone Cup, which featured races on an oval track built on the pond at the front of the resort.



A series of races also included ones for children, and there were a number of young competitors.

Central Ontario Wolves reach semi-finals at international Pee wee tournament

Haliburton hockey players contribute to strong finish

Haliburton hockey players Graeme Armstrong and Addison St. Cyr helped to push their Central Ontario Wolves U13 Pee wee AAA team to a semi-final finish at the 61st edition of the renowned Quebec International Pee wee Hockey Tournament last month.

The Wolves arrived in Quebec City on Tuesday, Feb. 11 to participate in the tournament.

After settling in at their base camp in Stoneham, Quebec, the Wolves hit the ice on Wednesday, Feb. 12 for an exhibition game against the Cyclones, a local team from Quebec City. Showing no signs of road rust, the Wolves won 7-0. The next day the kids kicked off official tournament play with a game against the Montreal-based Lac-St-Louis Grenadiers in the 18,000 seat Videotron Center. The Grenadiers rallied to tie the game up late in the third and won it in overtime 2-1. A tough way to start, but things would get better, eventually.

On Friday, Feb. 14, the team took to the ice for their second exhibition contest versus the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite. Unfortunately for the Wolves, their American neighbours showed them no love on this Valentine's Day, prevailing 4-0. The kids took advantage of the off-day on Saturday to regroup and prepare for a return to tournament play on Sunday. Their next opponent would be the Slovakia Stars who had journeyed more than 4,000 miles to participate in the tournament. The Wolves were excited to play against their first European team, and were in good form this Sunday evening, earning a 3-1 victory and a spot in the sweet sixteen.

With their next tourney game a full four days away, the team spent their week mingling and trading pins with players from all over the world including Japan and Australia. In between the pin haggling, the Quebec

Winter Carnival visits, the skiing, the tubing and a special backstage tour of the "Hometown Hockey" trailer and meeting Ron MacLean, the Wolves managed to stay sharp and win three exhibition games: 2-0 versus the Adirondack Jr. Stars (New York State), 5-0 against the Zurich Lions (Switzerland) and 4-1 versus Detroit Compuware.

Finally on Friday, Feb. 21, the Wolves faced their stiffest test yet when they faced off against the Burnaby Winter Club Bruins. After a hard-fought battle, the Bruins scored with two minutes left in the third period to take a 2-1 lead and put the Wolves tournament hopes on life support. Not ones to be easily discouraged, the Wolves rallied to tie the game with thirty seconds to play, and then won it 3-2 in 3-on-3 overtime to vanquish the Bruins and join the Elite Eight.

The next game for the U13 Pee wee Central Ontario Wolves was Saturday, Feb. 22. The Wolves earned the semi-final berth, as the only surviving Canadian team, with a hard-fought 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Jr. Flyers. However, the Wolves bowed out later that night with a 5-0 loss to the high-flying Czech Knights who won the tournament the following day.

Submitted by Judi Brocklehurst



Haliburton's own Addison St. Cyr, from left, and Graeme Armstrong were part of the Central Ontario Wolves U13 Pee wee AAA team, who finished in the semi-finals at the 61st edition of the renowned Quebec International Pee wee Hockey Tournament last month. Submitted by Catherine Carr.



Haliburton's River Christiano earned a silver medal with skating partner Colleen Black of Aylmer at the 2020 OUA Figure Skating Championships from Feb. 10 to 11 held at the Ryerson Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto. Their performance helped Guelph University finish fourth. /Photo by Christian Bender of Ryerson Rams Athletics.

Silver lining for first provincial skating experience

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

From disappointment to surprise, a former Red Hawks figure skater achieved end-of-season success as a Gryphon at the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) Figure Skating Championships held at the Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto.

River Christiano of Haliburton and her skating partner Colleen Black of Aylmer won a provincial silver medal in the Star 10 Similar Dance category, representing the University of Guelph at the provincial championship held from Feb. 10 to 11.

Christiano was excited about the podium finish to cap off her rookie season.

"You know being rookies and having it being our first OUAs and it wasn't really something we were totally expecting because our results at the other competitions were kind of varied ... but we were definitely really satisfied and it was what we were aiming for," she said.

Two weeks before this championship, Christiano and Black experienced disappointment when they finished in fifth place after completing the compulsory dance, the Blues at the OUA Winter Invitational in Aylmer.

Rather than go home and sulk, Christiano listened to the advice of their coach and approached the judge at the invitational to learn why they received the lower-than-expected scores.

The pair, she said, were confident going into the invitational and believed they skated well until the scores were revealed.

Making the correct adjustments after hearing the constructive feedback proved important.

"It motivated us to work harder," she said.

The pair practised for the next two weeks and worked on their pace to their dance and the precision of their steps. Christiano said the main focus going into the OUA championship, where they performed two compulsory dances was on speed and precision.

She remembers the pair missed winning the gold medal by two points, which likely stemming from a "timing mistake."

Similar dance is an event that has all competitors complete a compulsory dance so all the teams perform the same choreographed dance accompanied by the same

music.

"It's like a set pattern of steps and everyone does it the same," she said.

Conventionally, the pairs are performed by men and women, but in the OUA competition two women compete together. Christiano was led by Black, who had to adjust from the traditional female position and assume the conventional male role in pairs.

Christiano hopes to return to the University of Guelph next year and aspires to continue her partnership with Black and improve in the hope to winning gold. She also wants to not only compete in pairs dance and (group) synchronization where she finished fourth at the OUA championship, but also compete in solo dance and rhythm.

Christiano and Black were paired by the coaching staff. The partnership really worked out, she said.

"We definitely think alike when it comes to skating and we kind of developed a relationship where we were close enough to kind of predict what the other person was going to do on the ice and you know really just be aware of where the other person is and how they skate and that is something that is really important in ice dance," she said.

Haliburton's Christiano is a first-year student at Guelph and is studying psychology.

She's skated since she was about seven years old in Montreal and then would later join the Minden Skating Club led by coach Jane Symons after moving to Haliburton County, which was where she had the bulk of her training for several years until, she left to live and train with the Mariposa Skating School for a season skating competitively for year before taking a year off.

Just before the year in Barrie, while representing the Minden Skating Club she won gold with ice dance partner Morgan Raffo of Lindsay for pairs dance at the All-Ontario Championships in 2015. She counts this OUA silver as a high mark in her skating history.

The OUA silver medal is a satisfying reward in her return from her skating hiatus.

"I would say for me this is more of an accomplishment just because it's like a higher level of dance I was competing at this competition and even though we didn't come in first it was a big accomplishment and it was our best score we had throughout the whole season," she said.

For Christiano, the skating experience with the Gryphons was all new because of the team aspect.

"All my other skating experiences have been either

me individually or me with a partner so definitely doing syncro and just competing as a whole new team was a whole new experience and a whole new way of skating for me that really stood out as a positive experience," she said.

Christiano and Black's silver helped Guelph finish fourth overall behind McMaster's 50 points, which was within a few points of a podium finish with 47.

"We're all disappointed that we didn't come in third. We're all depending on our synchro program to put us in third place. We were kind of head to head with McMaster the whole competition and then there were a couple of minor setbacks in a synchro program that put us in third place, but overall I think everyone was satisfied with how it turned out. It was definitely better than past year for sure. It was a big accomplishment for the team," she said.



Haliburton's River Christiano earned a silver medal with skating partner Colleen Black of Aylmer.

Rookies reflect on provincial biathlon success

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Rookie junior biathletes Lillian Ramsdale and Olivia Humphries surprised everyone by capturing fourth place at the

Central Region Cadet Provincial competition in Sault Ste. Marie last month.

Held from Feb. 8 to 9, the two girls represented the 1129 Haliburton Army Cadets and the Southeastern Ontario Area in the sport of biathlon, which is a hybrid sport, combining the endurance of Nordic skiing and the technical demands of marksmanship, which featured competitors from four cadet regions in Ontario.

Competitors ski a distance (dependant on category) and then arrive at a gun range, attempting to hit five targets 30 metres away, less than a Toonie in diameter. When the competitors missed their targets, they had to complete 50-metre penalty circle for each miss.

The two junior girls completed a little more than three kilometres, divided into two segments with a stop at the gun range for an attempt to hit five targets each time.

Biathlon offers a unique challenge, as each competitor must counteract the movement in the body when breathing heavily while at the gun range, lying in a prone position to shoot.

Humphries was surprised by her team finish with her good friend, Ramsdale, characterizing it as “really good.”

Ramsdale agreed with her friend and had expected the provincials to be a little more challenging than regionals where the two finished first in their relay there for their provincial berth.

At the start line, she wrote in an email, “I was feeling nervous and excited, and I was a bit worried that my hands would get too numb to shoot properly.”

Humphries remembers taking to the start line before her race and noticed the size disparity between her and other competitors.

“Wow, these people are so much taller than me,” she said. “Their teams all had uniforms, matching.”

She adds the uniforms were form-fitting lycra suits, while the Highlands contingent wore winter coats and snow pants.

Individually Humphries had a solid day, rounding it out with a fifth place finish in the individual race, tying another competitor for the spot. She completed the 4.5-kilometre distance in 32:28.

Ramsdale said a highlight of the competition was being successful at the range, hitting her target and getting to spend time with the other cadets. She finished the 4.5-kilometre junior individual race in a time of 38:28 and earned a 13th place finish.

Among the challenges for the local cadets was the terrain of the area and the difference of power for the .22 calibre rifles compared to the air rifles they train

with during the year. All of the cadets receive gun safety handling training prior to the season.

Humphries said the volume and size of hills was far greater, calling it an “eye opener” and shooting at the provincial competition provided her a new experience.

“It was very different. That’s for sure. There’s more kick. Definitely more kick. So that scared me the first time I shot it, I was like, ‘Hey, what happened? ... and then when I opened it the [hot] case popped out it almost hit me in the face. That was scary, yeah,” she said.

The duo of Humphries and Ramsdale earned their team berth with a first place team finish at the regional competition, the 49th SEOA Biathlon Competition on Jan. 26 in Nakertok, Quebec.

Humphries also finished first at the regional competition in Quebec for her provincial berth.

The duo also made the trip from the Highlands with fellow cadet biathletes Corin Gervais, Nick Phippen and Aiden Hill also competed in the senior male category. Being the youngest in the field by a few years for these boys shows there is room to improve.

Individually, Gervais finished ninth, Phippen 14th and Hill was 21st. In the relay team event, cadets Gervais and Hill teamed up and finished 10th in the open male (15 years plus) class while Phippen and his teammate from the same region Camren Aho Jr. Finished in 15th place in open male class. Each skier completed a 4.5 kilometre distance for a combined nine kilometres. Times were combined.

Cadet Ben Rutter assisted the team as a cadet coach.

The team’s coaching staff includes cadet instructor cadres Stuart Humphries and Greg Powell. Humphries helped with Nordic skiing while Powell assisted with marksmanship.

The coaching staff with the cadets credit these biathlon successes to the foundation of Nordic skiing skills and passion for the sport from the youth programming offered by the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association.

Humphries’ mother Joleen said her daughter really didn’t have a choice to Nordic ski or not, having her daughter in the pull chariot carrier at Glebe Park while she conducted lessons. The first time Humphries skied was at two and she encourages anyone interested in trying biathlon to join the cadets and try it for themselves.


“It is super fun. Even if you don’t win or don’t make it to nationals it’s still an amazing experience,” she said.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 6. A type of gin
- 10. Japanese ankle sock
- 14. Swiss city
- 15. Applied to
- 17. Achievements
- 19. Japanese title
- 20. Possesses
- 21. Belgian city
- 22. Child
- 23. Great delight
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Gathered
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Path
- 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
- 34. A citizen of Denmark
- 35. Flat
- 37. Upper-class young women
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Distort
- 40. Affirmative! (slang)
- 41. One who has a child
- 43. Without
- 45. Workplace safety agency
- 46. Political action committee
- 47. Period of plant and animal life
- 49. Swiss river

- 50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 53. State of being kept secret
- 57. Hobbies
- 58. One-time Korean ruler
- 59. Sudden attack
- 60. Born of
- 61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 2. Famed composer
- 3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
- 4. Chief executive officer
- 5. Defunct Syrian political party
- 6. Thin wood
- 7. Polynesian garlands
- 8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
- 9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
- 10. Multi-leveled
- 11. Influential diarist
- 12. Gambles
- 13. Many subconsciousnesses
- 16. Current unit
- 18. Illumination unit
- 22. Tantalum
- 23. Steps leading down to a river
- 24. Kids love him

- 25. Before
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Mountain range in China
- 29. Payroll company
- 30. A way to pack together
- 31. Business designation
- 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
- 35. Forage fish
- 36. Greek temple pillars
- 37. Internet mgmt. company
- 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered
- 43. Elaborate silk garment
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
- 47. ___ fide; genuine
- 48. Ancient Incan sun god
- 49. Poker stake
- 50. Trigonometric function
- 51. Interesting tidbit
- 52. Adieus
- 53. U.S. Treasury position
- 54. Midway between east and southeast
- 55. Doctors' group
- 56. WomenOs ___ movement

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1129 Haliburton Army Cadets Corin Gervais, left, Nick Phippen, Aiden Hill, Lillian Ramsdale and Olivia Humphries represented their home town well in biathlon at the Central Region Cadet Provincial competition in Sault Ste. Marie last month held from Feb. 8 to 9. Ramsdale and Humphries led the way with a top-five finish in the relay event. Submitted by Stuart Humphries

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Lenten Lunch
When: March 4
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

World Day of Prayer, An ecumenical service
When: Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and a short film to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

Minden Curling Club, Boshkung Social - Tag Curling
When: Friday March, 6:30 p.m. to curl at 7 p.m. start New Curlers, Family, Friends...All welcome!
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Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Brad Sales
When: Saturday, March 7, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation
When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

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When: Saturday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
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Snow shufflin'
Attendees of the West Guilford Snow Shuffle play a game in which a pair of Maple Leafs tickets could be won during the event on Feb. 29. Started in 1980, it was the Snow Shuffle's 40th anniversary. The event included an all-day snowmobile ride with 204 riders, followed by a dinner and dance at the West Guilford Community Centre. The event is a fundraiser for the community centre. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

The sun is shining, oh happy day!

THE SUN IS shining, oh happy day! Sounds simple, doesn't it? I mean, big woo-hoo, the sun is shining. Well, in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean, it's a huge woo-hoo because it hasn't been shining for weeks, and now that it is, *everything* looks beautiful. Even tires, garbage cans, and dirt. Dirt? Wow! Hadn't seen dirt since last November. Nope, all covered with snow, don'tcha know. But there it is in my yard...still a mystery to ol' Maybelle how it got there, but I'm not asking. Just happy to see it and be reminded that beneath all the white stuff there's a lot of living going on down there.

Sure, my garlic's growing beneath all that snow and ice. And there are critters down there hanging out in their subterranean malls. And I'm thinking about all that life because the sunshine is warming my heart, lifting my spirits, and making me feel grateful for it all.

Now, if ol' Maybelle is rambling and may seem a bit light-headed, it's because I am. I am finally getting back to life after a nasty bout of influenza that hit me like a ton of boulders, don'tcha know. A scary bug this time that left me with the energy of a gnat. If during those challenging two weeks the sun HAD been shining, I wouldn't have had the energy to care. But, I am the most appreciative ol' gal I know, right now, and I just wanted to tell you about it, don'tcha know.

Looking out of my front window ... the sun makes the brownish green bits that hug the tall weathered trees look all golden-like. Big mounds of snow glisten, too, and beckon: "C'mon, Maybelle, you know you want to play in me." Yep, my Inner Child sure does. She wants to run out there and make snow angels, grab fists of it and build a snowman or gal. And it makes my trust come back. Trust that it would return and brighten everything again.

Winter ain't for sissies, that's for sure. And neither is

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

getting the flu. I'm thinking of wearing a "Sissy" T-shirt next winter. Maybe that'll dissuade those nasty flu bugs. Wish that's all it took. But, back to feeling lifted higher than high today, and somehow emblazoning that on my soul...and in my brain...and in a full-body smile that only sunshine can bring.

Twindle's in Florida right now, visiting his sister, Judina, her husband, Fru, and their two ponies, Dexter and Dexter. Stanley Penelope McBottom and his sweetie, Vilma Yuccch are in Cuba soaking up the sun and doing some of that earthy salsa dancing, don'tcha know. Sybil Beaucannon Hughes is in Portugal writing a novel that takes place...wait for it ... in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean in the dead of winter. Go figure. And, Beanpole Starkman and 'ol Maybelle are here in Lake W doing a lot of shoveling, then more shoveling, and when that's done...*more* shoveling.

But today ... I'm enjoying the sunshine. No, I'm *loving*, *adoring*, *embracing* lapping up the sunshine like a cat in a picture window. Not sure what Beanpole's doing, probably snoozing in his LaZBoy covered from head to toe in sunshine streaming in through his trailer window like tiger stripes patterning his long johns and lamb's wool slippers.

Ahh, the sun is shining...oh happy day!
Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com

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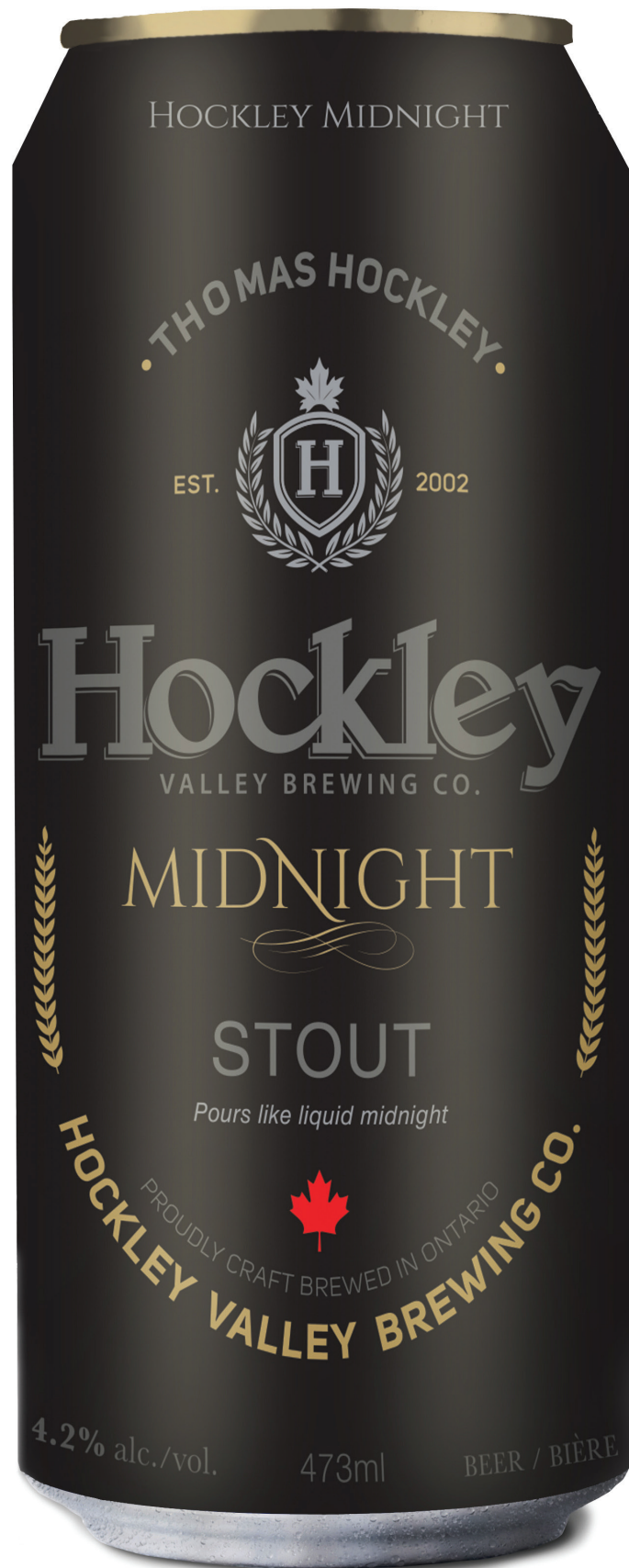
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Is Timmy on his way?

Haliburton proposal includes a drive-through

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Is Tim Hortons coming to Haliburton village?

In recent weeks some have speculated that the doughnut super chain is planning to set up shop on two empty lots near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street, but so far those rumours cannot be confirmed or denied.

What is known is that a developer has asked Dysart council for an amendment to bylaw 2005-120, in order to permit the construction of "a bank, a restaurant, a drive-through restaurant, a take-out restaurant, or a retail store."

Dysart's municipal planner Patricia Martin says the applicant hasn't yet told the municipality who the prospective clients are, only that they are looking at a "number of clients" within the above-mentioned categories.

Martin says that council has expressed some concerns over the application and the effect it may have on traffic.

"Obviously it's the restaurant category that council has the most concerns with, because that would tend to create the most parking requirements," she says. Council has already asked for

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CASEY LESSARD/Echo

A Spidey-sense for skiing

Andrew Wilbee seems to be using Spiderman's skills to fly through the air at Sir Sam's Ski Area on Sunday, but he's simply using the wonders of a jump set up on the hill that faces the main chalet. Wilbee and others packed the hill this weekend to kick off the March break. The hill is open daily this week for the March Break. For more photos, see pages 18 and 19.

Turbine answers blowing in the wind

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

With public interest in renewable energy sources on the rise, one Haliburton County municipality is re-examining its by-laws governing the use of wind turbines.

Last week, Dysart's public meeting committee discussed the future of wind turbine use within the municipality. In part, the meeting was a response to a number of complaints received in the fall of 2006 regarding the construction of turbines on the shoreline of Kennisis Lake.

Since wind turbines are not currently addressed in any of the municipality's by-laws, Dysart planner Patricia Martin said they are treated the same as any other structure, and must meet the same minimum setbacks (20 metres from the water on older lots, 30 metres from the water on new lots, and only one metre from the side lot line). As a result, Martin said a number of cottage residents have raised concerns that tall, free-standing turbines could be constructed within an unsafe distance from both the water and neighbouring properties, which is why last Monday's meeting was called to order.

"Council realized that there are circumstances – particularly in densely populated areas – where esthetics, noise, and safety may be a concern in respect to the construction of wind turbines," said Martin. "In order to begin the discussion, a proposed by-law amendment has been prepared."

In its first draft, the amended

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| Kennisis Lake \$895,000 4.3AC | Old Donald Road \$49,997 |
| Drag Lake \$499,000 7.24AC | New listing Trappers Trail \$49,900 0.93AC |
| Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC | Deep Bay Rd \$49,000 3.05 AC |
| Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC | Contau Lake Road \$49,000 3.91AC |
| Harburn Road \$99,000 44+AC | Fred Jones road \$34,500 6.59AC |
| Irondale River \$79,000 3.22AC | Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC |



WENONA LAKE
\$683,000
Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views.



HALIBURTON LAKE
\$639,000
Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year.



TWELVE MILE LAKE
\$569,969
Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.



LONG LAKE
\$499,900
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities.